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We acknowledge with appreciation your foresight and courtesy in contacting us regarding this application. We confirm what you surmised, namely that an Amendment had been filed, and we enclose a duplicate copy of the December 11, 2003 Amendment together with our post card receipt. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. Again, thank you for telephoning this morning.

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1 6,625,687	Memory module employing a junction circuit for point-to-point connection isolation, voltage translation, data synchronization, and multiplexing/demultiplexing
2 6,625,682	Electromagnetically-coupled bus system
3 6,625,555	Variable resistance measuring loop having compensational function for environmental factors
4 6,625,536	Method and device for controlling and adjusting a clutch in an automotive automatic stepped gearbox
5 6,625,526	Method and device for monitoring vehicles and/or control functions
6 6,625,495	Body-cavity probe with body conformable member
7 6,625,481	Electrode assembly and method for signaling a monitor
8 6,625,479	Optical sensor for in situ measurement of analytes
9 6,625,359	Dispersion-shifted single-mode optical fiber optimized for high data rates
10 6,625,338	Optical NRZ-RZ format converter
11 6,625,329	Method for improving the definition of digital images
12 6,625,289	Stereo loudspeaker system
13 6,625,267	Billing system
14 6,625,255	Apparatus and method for communications loop characterization
15 6,625,253	High ratio, high efficiency mammography grid system
16 6,625,239	Circuit for capturing frame sync signal in receiver
17 6,625,201	Coherent receiver with channel estimator
18 6,625,155	Model-based admission control adjustment in data networks

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- 19 6,625,126 ■ Method and apparatus for enhancing wireless data network telephony, including quality of service monitoring and control
- 20 6,625,032 ■ AQUEOUS DISPERSION FORMING CONDUCTIVE LAYER, CONDUCTIVE LAYER, ELECTRONIC COMPONENT, CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND MULTILAYER WIRING BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME
- 21 6,625,012 ■ Degaussing coil fixing holder for a monitor
- 22 6,625,010 ■ Tower network apparatus
- 23 6,625,004 ■ Electrostatic actuators with intrinsic stress gradient
- 24 6,624,957 ■ Circuit for controlling the write current of a magnetic disk recording apparatus and method for optimizing the write current
- 25 6,624,885 ■ Method and device for non-destructive analysis of perforation in a material
- 26 6,624,789 ■ Method and system for improving isolation in radio-frequency antennas
- 27 6,624,785 ■ Receiver designed to pick up an electromagnetic signal and system using such a receiver
- 28 6,624,778 ■ Averaging amplifier array
- 29 6,624,748 ■ Method for monitoring a condition of a tire
- 30 6,624,726 ■ High Q factor MEMS resonators
- 31 6,624,617 ■ Apparatus and method for stabilizing the voltage of an AC generator with variable rotor speed
- 32 6,624,603 ■ Method and device for determining the actual reversal of a follow-on rotary drive
- 33 6,624,598 ■ Ballast and method of feeding a fluorescent lamp
- 34 6,624,596 ■ Device for lighting discharge lamp
- 35 6,624,579 ■ Magnetron drive power supply
- 36 6,624,524 ■ Laser alignment target
- 37 6,624,493 ■ Biasing, operation and parasitic current limitation in single device equivalent to CMOS, and other semiconductor systems
- 38 6,624,490 ■ Unipolar spin diode and the applications of the same
- 39 6,624,474 ■ Semiconductor device with scalable withstanding voltage
- 40 6,624,443 ■ Display device with an improved contact hole arrangement for contacting a semiconductor layer through an insulation film
- 41 6,624,417 ■ Apparatus and method for judging plastic
- 42 6,624,416 ■ Uncooled niobium trisulfide midwavelength infrared detector
- 43 6,624,382 ■ Configured-hole high-speed drilling system for micro-via pattern formation, and resulting structure
- 44 6,624,367 ■ Micromachine switch
- 45 6,624,327 ■ Process for preparing betaines
- 46 6,624,326 ■ Method for preparing heteropolyacid catalyst and method for producing methacrylic acid
- 47 6,624,319 ■ Process for the epoxidation of olefins
- 48 6,624,286 ■ Double-metal cyanide catalysts containing polyester for preparing polyether polyols
- 49 6,624,270 ■ Copolymers derived from vinyl dicyanoimidazoles and other monomers
- 50 6,624,266 ■ Compositions and methods of using preactivated unsupported catalyst compositions having a given concentration

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- 1 6,625,670  Network interface card asynchronous interface with signalling lines and at least eight data lines for switching between forward channel and reverse channel
- 2 6,625,320  Transcoding
- 3 6,624,788  Antenna arrangement
- 4 6,624,732  Superconducting magnet assembly and method
- 5 6,624,472  Semiconductor device with voltage sustaining zone
- 6 6,624,362  Electronically detectable resonance label, in particular RFID label
- 7 6,624,341  Breathable backsheet design for disposable absorbent articles
- 8 6,624,319  Process for the epoxidation of olefins
- 9 6,624,199  Aminobenzophenones
- 10 6,623,767  Mixture containing honey, at least one essential oil and/or at least one essential oil derivative
- 11 6,623,146  Lifting apparatus particularly for lighting fittings
- 12 6,623,054  Collision safety device for vehicles
- 13 6,622,796  Apparatus and method for facilitating the connection of tubulars using a top drive
- 14 6,622,384  Method and apparatus for forming spring units
- 15 6,621,575  Method and device for analyzing molecular reaction products in biological cells
- 16 6,621,047  Method and sensor device for monitoring a laser machining operation to be performed on a work piece as well as laser machining head with a sensor device of the kind
- 17 6,620,883  Process for the preparation of graft rubber latexes having a reduced residual monomer content

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- 18 6,620,818 ■ Method for reducing the severity of side effects of chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy
- 19 6,620,372 ■ Method and device for drawing a molten material contained in a crucible
- 20 6,620,355 ■ Method for compacting aerogels
- 21 6,620,331 ■ Method of etching an opening
- 22 6,620,241 ■ Gluing unit of a tail end of a log
- 23 6,620,066 ■ Drive unit for an alternator of a motor vehicle
- 24 6,619,937 ■ Hydraulic machine
- 25 6,619,582 ■ Paper roll holder
- 26 6,619,454 ■ Thermal disconnect device
- 27 6,619,177 ■ Device; especially for clearing of land mines
- 28 6,619,017 ■ Apparatus and method for conveying items
- 29 6,618,182 ■ Magneto-optic switching element comprising a faraday rotator
- 30 6,618,113 ■ Liquid crystal device
- 31 6,617,847 ■ Sensing device for the non-destructive evaluation of steel structures or components
- 32 6,617,541 ■ Laser etching method
- 33 6,616,806 ■ Manufacture of paper and paperboard
- 34 6,616,648 ■ Absorbent article having v-shaped elastic attached to backsheet
- 35 6,616,645 ■ Absorbent diaper pants for children with therapeutic orthopaedic pad
- 36 6,616,618 ■ Method of and device for visualizing the orientation of therapeutic sound waves onto an area to be treated or processed
- 37 6,616,499 ■ Interconnection of toy building elements in a releasable secure engagement
- 38 6,616,120 ■ Hydraulic diaphragm valve, for fluid flow regulation
- 39 6,616,029 ■ Stapler with reversible electric motor
- 40 6,615,982 ■ Golf bag
- 41 6,615,865 ■ Valve for high pressure gas cylinders
- 42 6,615,768 ■ Head gate element comprising a solid control bar provided with a notch for locking the movable bar
- 43 6,615,751 ■ Method for reducing agglomeration, sintering and deposit formation in gasification and combustion of biomass
- 44 6,615,734 ■ Munition article with antenna for satellite navigation
- 45 6,615,604 ■ Assembly of a component of a vehicle air conditioning system to a support structure
- 46 6,615,102 ■ Process and system for compensating static errors on numerically controlled machine tools
- 47 6,614,962 ■ Method and a device for installing optical fibres
- 48 6,614,095 ■ Diamond component with rear side contact and a method for the production thereof
- 49 6,613,598 ■ Method for making a photovoltaic cell containing a dye
- 50 6,613,367 ■ Infant formula

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